Regulatory Agency for Bio-Pharamaceutical Products

800. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Association of Bio-technology Led Enterprises has requested Government to create a single Regulatory Agency for bio-pharamaceutical products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Association of Bio-technology Led Enterprises (ABLE) has requested the Government to create a single-point regulatory model for Recombinant-DNA pharamaceuticals to streamline the approval procedure, define the scope and purview of each regulatory authority and time frames for the regulatory bodies to give responses etc.

(c) The issue raised by the ABLE is under examination by a specially constituted Task Force.

Setting up of Bio-tech Parks

801. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Expert Group set up by Government on Bio-tech Parks/ Bio-tech Incubators/Pilot-level facilities has given its go ahead for four bio-tech parks projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, location-wise;

(c) the names of the States whose proposals are still pending with Government;

(d) the reasons therefor;

(e) the names of States whose proposals have been rejected/returned;

(f) the reasons therefor; and

(g) the total fund likely to be required for each project?